



Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...

9 Sep 2019

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

We've had a wonderful start to the new school year with approximately 1160 students and 100 staff members starting their day together on September 3rd. From time to time, I will send messages out to parents and guardians using this format. I encourage you to mark the sending email as safe so that it does not end up in your junk or spam folders.

ACTION REQUIRED - Parents and guardians are asked to complete these two forms online by September 13, 2019. You do not have to print this form or return it to the school. Simply click the links below and you will be redirected to the appropriate site.

[Online Media Permission Form](#)

[Acceptable Use Form](#)

ACTION REQUIRED - Families that have not yet registered with School Cash Online should do so as soon as possible as it is our preferred payment method for all school-related costs (ex. field trips, team fees, etc.). The system allows you to receive email notifications for fees owing for any school purpose as well as purchases that you may wish to make from the school (ex. yearbook). If you were registered in your previous school, there is no need to register again. Instructions on how to sign up can be found here: [School Cash Online Info.pdf](#)

ACTION REQUIRED - If your child has a medical condition such as asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, etc., there are medical forms that must be completed and returned to the school. These forms must be completed, signed by a medical practitioner and returned to the school each year. If you are providing medication such as a spare Epi-Pen, please check its expiry date and ensure it is clearly labelled with the student's name.

The forms can be accessed using the links below:

[Severe, Life-Threatening Allergy Protocol Registration](#)

[Emergency Use of Auto-Injector Authorization](#)

[Life-Threatening Medical Condition Emergency Transportation Form](#)

ACTION REQUIRED - School Council meets once per month in the Colonel By Learning Commons and is open to all students, parents, guardians and community members. For meeting times and contact info, please click [here](#). Even if you are not able to attend the meetings, we encourage you to read the document below as it contains important information about how you can help School Council make a difference in our school and our students' lives.

[CB School Council Fees Form.docx](#)

Open Seats on School Buses - Any student who wishes to access an empty seat for October 2019 must submit an application no later than September 20, 2019. For more information and to access the application, click [here](#). Completed forms can be emailed to emptyseat@ottawaschoolbus.ca or faxed to 613-224-8840. Please do not bring the forms to the school.

Student Accident Insurance - Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Parents may apply online at www.insuremykids.com, forms may be downloaded at www.binks.ca or hard copies may be picked up from the Main Office.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province, you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13/year to \$33/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have questions, please contact Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.

Breakfast Program - In partnership with the Ottawa Network for Education's School Breakfast Program, Colonel By's School Breakfast Program provides students with a healthy start to their day. This program provides healthy meals and snacks to students as they need it to support their learning. The program is available to all students, and operates out of the Student Success Room (Room 218) before school and at lunch time.

Changes to OC Transpo Bus Routes - The O-Train Line 1 will open on September 14. OC Transpo service, including the school services, will remain the same in the three (3) weeks after the opening of Line 1, known as the parallel service period.

When Line 1 opens, all bus routes serving Blair Station will be routed to serve the new bus loop at the station. Trips on Routes 28, 135, 630, and 631 will exit Blair Station in the morning and enter Blair Station in the afternoon via City Park Drive East.

At the end of the parallel service period, on October 6, the OC Transpo network will undergo a substantial transformation, where the final bus and train network will be in place. Changes to service to Colonel By with the opening of Line 1 consists of route changes at or near Line 1 stations and route renumbering.

Route 24 will have its current routing along Cyrville Road and Cummings Avenue removed, with service continuing directly on Ogilvie Road. Students can utilize Line 1 from Blair Station to access Cyrville Station.

All Route 135 trips will be renumbered to new Route 35 at the end of the parallel service period as well. Trip times will remain the same and the new route will continue to serve the same streets and bus stops as Route 135.

We encourage students to use the [Ready-for-Rail Travel Planner](#) to see how their transit trips will change with the opening of Line 1. O-Train Ambassadors will be posted at each Line 1 station to assist students with any and all trip and travel inquiries.

Cellphones in Schools - The Ministry of Education has announced rules regarding cell phone use during instructional time. Cellphones may be used by students:

for health and medical purposes;

to support special education needs; or

for educational purposes, as directed by an educator.

This new direction is aligned with our past practices so we do not expect to see any significant change to operations. For more information on the new regulation, [click here](#).

Thinking about an Ivy League School? - Students and parents are invited to attend the Brown, Cornell, Princeton, and Yale Information session hosted by Colonel By Secondary School on September 17 at 7:00pm. Admissions representatives from each school will discuss academic programs, campus life, selective college admissions and financial aid. Registration is optional, but encouraged. Please register by clicking [here](#).

Community Links

Basketball Clinic for Boys and Girls Age 8-13 - The Gloucester Cumberland Basketball Association invites you to its First Annual Jamboree on Saturday September 21 from 12:00 to 2:00pm at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School (1515 Tenth Line Rd). This free event will have basketball-related games, prizes, and food for the whole family. Please register at info@GCBA.ca

I wish everyone in the Colonel By community a wonderful school year and encourage you to contact me or any member of the faculty if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

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